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FOLLOWING REPEATS QUITO 7682 ACTION SECSTATE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 7682

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCON, OAS
SUBJECT: PROPOSED INGERSOLL EXPLANATION OF VOTE FOR QUITO

BEGIN QUOTE MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SPECIAL DELEGATES:
WE HAVE REMAINED SILENT PRIOR TO THE VOTE BECAUSE WE WISHED TO AVOID EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF INFLUENCING BY OUR REMARKS OR BY OUR ACTIONS THE OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING OF CONSULTATION. NOW, I THINK A WORD IN EXPLANATION OF OUR VOTE IS IN ORDER.
AS MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES WAS INITIALLY OPPOSED TO A REVIEW OF RESOLUTION I AT THIS TIME.
WE WERE PERSUADED BY OTHER NATIONS THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. WE VOTED FOR THE CONVOCATION OF THIS MEETING.
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AND WE HAVE CAREFULLY ATTENDED THESE SESSIONS AND CONSIDERED

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THE STATEMENTS OF EACH OF THE MEMBERS.
THE RESOLUTION CONVOKING THIS MEETING RECEIVED
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS.
IT PLACED BEFORE US THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA. TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE RESOLUTION I
WAS ENACTED BY THE NINTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF THE
MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IT IS NATURAL THAT WE
SHOULD REVIEW THAT DECISION.
WE RECOGNIZE THAT A MAJORITY NOW EXISTS FOR LIFTING
SANCTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO RECALL THAT THE
MEASURES CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION I WERE ADOPTED IN 1964
BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE OAS MEMBER STATES.
SOME STATES HERE TODAY WERE, WITH GOOD REASON, AMONG THE
MOST PERSUASIVE ADVOCATES OF SANCTIONS. FOR SOME OF US,
EVIDENCE OF CUBAN HOSTILITY IS FRESH IN OUR MINDS.
THOUGH TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED, THE STATES OF THE AMERICAS
HAVE STILL RECEIVED NO CLEAR SATISFACTION THAT CUBA HAS
ABANDONED THE EXPORT OF REVOLUTION.
WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ANOTHER CONSIDERATION.
IT IS OF THE ESSENCE OF THE NEW DIALOGUE NOT MERELY THAT
WE CONSIDER THE MAJOR ISSUES CONFRONTING THIS HEMISPHERE,
BUT THAT WE DO SO IN THE SPIRIT PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA
OF OUR HOST COUNTRY ECUADOR SO WELL LAID BEFORE US FRIDAY,
WHEN HE SAID THAT A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY
WAS TO
BEGIN INNER QUOTE OPENLY AND FREELY EXPRESS THE
POSITION OF OUR COUNTRIES. --- WHILE AT THE SAME
TIME SEEING THAT THE POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES OF
OPINION THAT MAY ARISE IN NO WAY AFFECT THE
INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY THAT WE SEEK TO STRENGTHEN.
END INNER QUOTE
WE HAVE CONSIDERED ALL THESE FACTORS IN COMING TO
OUR DECISION TO ABSTAIN. BUT OUR ABSTENTION SHOULD NOT
BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT
THE UNITED STATES HAS VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN
PERCEPTION OF THIS QUESTION AT THIS TIME. WE RESPECT THE
VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY WHO HAVE VOTED FOR THIS RESOLUTION.
WE HAVE NOT VOTED NO AND WE HAVE NOT WORKED AGAINST THE
RESOLUTION. WE ALSO RESPECT THE VIEWS OF THOSE
WHO ENTERTAIN SUCH SERIOUS RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT
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TO CUBA AND WHO THEREFORE HAVE FELT IT NECESSARY TO VOTE
AGAINST.
IF THIS MEETING OF CONSULTATION HAS NOT PRODUCED A
CONCLUSIVE RESULT, IT HAS AT LEAST AIRED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE
WAY THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO EASY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM
OF A COUNTRY WHICH DEALS WITH SOME ON THE BASIS OF HOSTILITY
AND WITH OTHERS ON THE BASIS OF A MORE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP.
I SHOULD ADD THAT THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO

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THE DAY WHEN THE CUBAN ISSUE IS NO LONGER A DIVISIVE ISSUE
FOR US. CUBA HAS ABSORBED FAR TOO MUCH OF OUR ATTENTION
IN RECENT YEARS. WE NEED TO TURN OUR ENERGIES TO THE MORE
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. WE MUST NOT LET A FAILURE OF
AGREEMENT ON THE CUBAN ISSUE, AT THIS TIME, TO OBSCURE
OUR COMMON INTEREST IN WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES OF THIS
DECADE.
FINALLY, I OULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR, TO PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA,
AND TO FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES, FOR ACTING AS
HOSTS OF THIS IMPORTANT INTER-AMERICAN MEETING. WE ARE
FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH AN ABLE AND EXPERIENCED CHAIRMAN
IN FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
EXCELLENT PREPARATIONS AND HOSPITALITY. YOUR HIGH SENSE
OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM SHOULD
BE AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL. END QUOTE
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